



# The Index



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## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

### NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

April 25th.

7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall  
(Trappe United Methodist Church)

**CANDIDATES TO APPEAR-** The five candidates seeking election to the Trappe Town Council in the May 9th. Town election will have an opportunity to meet the people on April 25th. at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Hall of the Trappe United Methodist Church. Each candidate will have five minutes to address the audience. During this time the candidates are invited to speak about their personal qualifications and experiences, current issues facing the Council, and their goals for the future of Trappe. After the candidates have each had a chance to speak, questions will be accepted from the audience.

The candidate's night will be moderated by Mr. Greg Bojko, Operations Manager for radio station WCEI. Individuals in attendance may direct a specific question to an individual candidate or to all of the candidates as a group. Although debate between the candidates will not be allowed, each candidate will be permitted to respond to any question from the audience. The moderator may disallow any question which he deems to be in poor taste, irrelevant, or inappropriate. The moderator may also inject general questions relating to the issues facing the new Council.

Light refreshments will be served by the Trappe United Methodist Women. Everyone is urged to attend. The new Commissioners will help determine the future of Trappe, they need your support!

**THE CANDIDATES-** Five individuals from widely varied backgrounds would like a seat on the Trappe Town Council. Voters will select two on May 9th.

**Geraldine (Geri) L. Elliott**, a secretary and resident of Laurwayn Drive with experience as a prison guard and training as a paralegal, says Trappe needs more businesses.

**Shirley M. Outten** is no stranger to Town politics and is a regular contributor at Town meetings. She and her husband run a successful business and coin operated laundry on Maple Ave. Shirley sees Trappe as a small town with a lot of potential.

**C. Donald English** is president of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company and Zoning Administrator for the Town of Trappe. Don is a long time resident of Trappe who feels that he can help Trappe realize its full potential. He has been active in Trappe politics for a number of years.

**F. Benjamin (Bud) Reid**, (not to be confused with Clarke Reed who was an unsuccessful candidate in the 1993 election) is a newcomer to Trappe politics but a familiar face at Town Council meetings. Bud, who has degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and George Washington University sees Trappe as a nice residential community that needs to stay within its tax base.

**Ronald Stevanus** is a resident of La Trappe Heights who is retired from the construction trade. He would like to improve what we already have and keep Trappe a quiet residential area. Ron is also a newcomer to the Trappe political arena.

## TRAPPE TOWN ELECTION

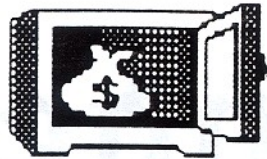
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7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



## BUDGET UNVEILED-

The Commissioners presented a \$336,173 dollar proposed budget at a poorly attended public workshop on April 12th. The budget reflects increases in the cost for trash disposal, street repair, water treatment chemicals, and legal services. \$8807 was earmarked to cover the cost of a part-time law enforcement officer to be provided through the Talbot County Sheriff's department.



Revenue from real estate taxes will be somewhat higher due to new construction during the past year. State income tax and highway user revenue is expected to increase for FY-96. The constant yield tax rate for Trappe will be \$0.63 per \$100 assessment. Although no final decision has been made, the Commissioners appear to favor reducing the current \$0.64 tax rate by one cent to the \$0.63 constant yield rate.

The cost of running the water and sewer system is now paid for entirely by revenue collected from quarterly billings, late charges, and new service connection fees. In order to pay for the new water tower, cover increased operating expenses, and avoid an operating deficit, a significant rate increase can be expected as of July 1. Although the exact rate has not been determined, a single family residential bill will likely increase from \$58 to about \$84 per quarter.

Unless a decision is made to start billing for trash collection or to increase the tax rate, a decision which the present Commissioners seem unwilling to support, the \$27,000 sidewalk replacement project planned for the North side of West Maple Ave. will be postponed for at least another year.

## COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW ATTORNEY-

At their April 5th. meeting the Commissioners accepted the resignation of longtime Town Attorney Cris Kehoe and appointed Anthony J. (Tony) Mohan to that position. Both attorneys are associated with the law offices of Ewing, Dietz, Turner & Kehoe. Tony has done much of the Town's legal work over the past two years and is a familiar face at Council meetings. The Commissioners look forward to working with Tony.

## REQUEST TO OPEN HURST AVE-

The Commissioners are considering a request from a resident to open Hurst Ave. Hurst Ave. runs from Howell Point Road to Slaughter Lane passing to the West of Scott's United Methodist Church. The

street has been closed to through traffic for a number of years. The Commissioners want to hear from the residents of Hurst Ave. before making any decision, possibly at the May 3rd.. Town meeting.

**HEARING SCHEDULED-** A public hearing is scheduled for April 27th. at 7:00 p.m. before the Board of Zoning Appeals to hear a request by the Town of Trappe, Inc. for a special exemption to allow construction of a water tower on a parcel of land having frontage on Harrison Circle. Utility structures are generally exempt from zoning regulations, however, the tower's 34 ft. circular base places this structure in a category requiring a special exemption. After construction, the 15,000 square feet of land surrounding the tower base will be landscaped, equipped with picnic tables and possibly a "tot-lot" play area and made available for public use. A color painting showing how the site will look upon completion is on display in the Town Office.



## TRAPPE GETS NEW TRASH COLLECTOR-

D. R. J. Refuse, Inc., under a reorganization plan, has given its municipal trash contract with Trappe to Thomas's Salvage Yard. Mr. Thomas will continue to pick up trash every Tuesday. Residents are still putting a lot newspaper and other recyclable material in the trash which is contributing to our high landfill cost. All residents are urged to use the recycling igloos located at Shore Stop.

## SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION

APRIL 28th.

Residents are encouraged clean up their yards and remove accumulated junk and debris. With a few restrictions, the Town make a curb-side collection of unwanted articles on April 28th. The following will NOT be collected: commercial and farm tires (limit of 4 passenger car tires), motor oil, cans of paint, appliances containing Freon, dead animals, chemicals, hazardous wastes, ashes, tree branches over 4ft. long, logs & timbers over 60lbs., and any articles which can not be safely disposed of. Call the Town office to arrange for junk car removal.

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